

The allegation so often repeated, that Union men and negroes cannot have justice in our Courts is without color of truth, but a small class of base men wrong us, to curry favor with the dominant party in Congress, over anonymous signatures, are indefatigable in supplying the *Chronicle* and kindred papers with new falsehood for nearly every issue,—and as the papers which publish these lies don't want truth to overtake them, they never publish a contradiction. This keeps up ill will towards us among the masses.

I do not believe members of Congress are misled by these lies. They have too many facilities to ascertain the truth—but many, I fear, are willing their constituents shall continue to believe we are monsters. Nearly all of them deem the continued ascendancy of the present dominant power the magnum bonum and the deem the continued exclusion of the South from Congress—and the disfranchisement of the great body of our people and right of suffrage to the lately emancipated slaves essential to preservation of their party power. The idea of winning our confidence by allowing us our constitutional rights and attaching us to them by magnanimous confidence, they will not entertain. They rely on force only, and unconstitutional schemes of regulating suffrage among us, now that no State South will voluntarily assent to ratify an amendment proposed in a Congress from which we were excluded and with features revolting to a people retaining any self respect.

I inclose to you a copy of late inaugural.

In a few days we will have in Washington a few of our ablest men whose character as Union men is far better than that of a few miserable sycophants among us who first stirred up Sectionalism and now meanly claim to be the only people among us deserving Northern confidence.

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